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ATHLETIC SHOE)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 7, 1997 please amend the above-entitled application as follows:

In the Claims:

Sub. 1 (thrice amended). An athletic shoe comprising an upper for wearing about a user's foot, a sole mounted to the upper, said sole having a forefoot portion and a heel portion, said heel portion comprising a midsole carried below the upper and an outsole carried below the midsole, said outsole having a bottom surface at least partially bounded by a peripheral rim, a lasting board mounted